

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

October 4, 2011 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Roll: Don and Georjean Jensen, John and Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Don Scovel, Mark Kukuchek, Sheri Todus, and Andrew Valencia.

Absent: Uwe, Doc, and Alan Sachrison.

Member to be appointed.

Item #1: Tabled. One objection, Rick Blacklock.

Item #2: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes and no action can be taken.

Mark has fertile eggs to sell.

Action Items

Item #3: Central Avenue Flood Control Project Presentation by San Diego County Dept. of Public Works. Dion McMicheaux presenting. Action item.

This is a Capital Improvement project. Since the flood control channel was put in between 2006 and 2008, certain modifications have been found to be needed. These modifications are of high priority and have been placed before the Board approved, and allowed to proceed.

The changes include channel changes that in the past have caused flooding at Belle Bonnie Brae. A new channel gate hopefully will stop the flooding onto Hazelhurst. Mrs Schott across the street on Central was the first to experience flooding. A wall was built adjacent to her

property, but weep holes were left in the existing wall at the bottom. Immediately, the weep holes will be filled in so there will be no more flooding there.

In answer to a question about removing the vegetation growing in the channel, no, they cannot remove it without Fish and Wildlife permission.

There is a grate connecting two inlet pipes which has become clogged because it is too small. This grate will be replaced by a larger one which works on a different principle and should not clog or get stuck when water and debris flows through it. This pipe is between Hazelhurst and Dasonia, 50 to 60 feet downstream from the bridge. The Board of Supervisors agreed to the repair in early spring. I am here mostly to make Planning Group aware that these repairs are going on.

After more discussion on the subject: Don S. said that there may be litigation about the height of the wall, which holds back less than an eight year flood. Higher road grates are needed downstream to protect against a twenty-five year flood. Can a flat gate or a manhole gate be put to work against the current and protect the cul-de-sac? Mark asked whether any of this will help flooding this winter because the housing development was built on the flood plain. If the area was cleaned out, it would make a world of difference to the homeowners.

Motion: Move to support the improvements provided that the improvements move forward with all possible speed, the subject wall with the weeping holes is repaired as soon as possible and do whatever it takes including monitoring of the flat gates because people in the flood plain cannot wait for the DPW. Mark so moved, Rick seconded. Unanimous.

Item #4: Eucalyptus Trees stability at 4138 Tim St. Bonita. Action item.

The subject tree is in the Right-of-Way on the property line. It has encroached into the grass but not disturbed walls or the street. The County deemed this as unstable because of it's gigantic size.

After a short discussion: Motion: To approve the County and homeowner's request to remove this tree. Don S. seconded.

8 aye, 2 opposed. Carried.

Item #5: CIP list., Summit Park Brian Albright presenting.

It appears that next month someone from County will come and explain what we can and cannot do with our CIP money, which is about \$108K at this time.

Liz congratulated Michael on the dimmer lights at Summit Park.

A conversation ensued about lodge-pole pine poles along Sweetwater Road by Quarry Road. Sheri motioned to table discussion. Liz seconded. Tabled.

Item #6: State Mandated Ethics Training: (AB 1234) ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance. Required.

Those who have done training and turned in their certificates are done. Others are waiting for the in person training that the State guidelines state is available.

Item #7: Update water district pipeline. Action item.

County is working with Otay Water on this. No action at this time.

Item #8: Willow Street Bridge update. To start the build in 2013.

Item #9: Trails Report: Mark presenting.

The situation District 1 is being handled by District 1. The chairman of the Water Authority is looking into the lock on the gate by Uwe's. We have a green light to develop phase three between the Western Gateway and Willow Street.

The curbs on the San Miguel pathway will be asphalt as per the homeowner's request in order to fit in better with the community. Asphalt helps drain water where concrete does not.

Item#10: Announcements:

If SanDag purchases the SR125 then there will be no need for the HOV lane on the 805 north. The region will save money and have less traffic. At this time there is not scheduled vote on this proposal. The Costal Conservancy has given money for the Phase Three trail to Willow Street.

Adjourned 8:05 pm

Next meeting: November 1, 2011 7PM, Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.